

CLOUDBURST

DOES GREAT DAMAGE AT PITTSBURG.
HOUSES WASHED AWAY

Traffic and Communication Stopped.

Pittsburg, June 28.—Pittsburg and all the surrounding country for several miles was deluged tonight at 7 o'clock, by what in the city approached a cloudburst. Two cloudbursts are reported from nearby towns.

In Pittsburg the rain caused a cessation of street car traffic for half an hour owing to flooded streets. Lightning did great damage, burning out electric light and trolley wires and striking several dwellings and business houses.

In the mining town of McDonald, a place of 2,000 inhabitants in Washington county, twenty-five houses were washed away, mines were flooded and railroad tracks weakened. Two persons are reported to have been drowned.

Thirty houses were washed away by another cloudburst at Oakdale, three miles east of McDonald, and the Cole family, consisting of six persons were drowned.

The storm was general throughout the territory adjacent to Pittsburg. Roadbeds were damaged and railroad traffic will be considerably affected. Telegraph and telephone communication is badly impaired and no complete story can be obtained tonight.

MALE FREAK

Abandoned By Heartless Men.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 28.—A male freak, about 18 years old, was discovered yesterday afternoon on the third floor of 545 Second ave. The lad had been abandoned by men who sought to profit by his mental and physical deformities.

Captain Bartley went to the house with Superintendent of Detectives McQuade and Detectives Kelly and Cole. The officers found the freak beating his head against the bed. It was beyond all doubt the most pitiable specimen of a human being imaginable. It had the face and long hair of a woman, while the trunk of its body was distorted and spotted with patches of long wiry hair. Its limbs were about the thickness of a man's wrist and were bent and twisted. It was about five feet six inches in height and weighed about 100 pounds. On the bed beside its head was a piece of meat which had evidently been left for it by the men who abandoned it. At 10 o'clock last night it was removed to the Homeopathic hospital.

SLAUGHTER

Of Armenians By the Turks

Constantinople, June 29.—The foreign consuls here have received a report from Erzerum, on the frontier, that a party of forty-five armed Armenians were attacked by a body of Turkish troops today and in the fight which followed thirty seven of the former were killed. Reinforcements for the Armenians to the number of 300 put in an appearance and the Turks withdrew to await the arrival of reinforcements. It is expected that further trouble will follow.

MINERVA MEN SOAKED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

In the Dry Town—Roller Fined \$150 and Pierman \$125 and the Costs by Mayor Russell.

Special to Morning News. Minerva, June 28.—Minerva is greatly excited over the arrest of three of her citizens for illegal selling of intoxicants. U. D. Roller, the druggist, who was accused of selling whisky contrary to law, decided to plead guilty rather than fight the case in the courts. Mayor W. E. Russell imposed a fine of \$150 and costs upon Roller.

Frank Pierman, who was accused of selling hard cider, also pleaded guilty, expecting that he would get a light fine, as this was his first offense. Roller had also expected some clemency. Mayor Russell took nothing of this kind into consideration and imposed a fine of \$125 and costs upon Pierman. Roller is able to pay his fine, but Pierman will have to depend upon his friends, who will come forward with the amount. Those who drank of the cider insist that it was of such a weak quality that it was hardly of the intoxicating brand.

James Haines, who was also arrested for selling cider contrary to law, is not as yielding as the others. When

FILIPINOS

To Place Flowers on the Tomb of McKinley.

The Filipino commissioners who are touring the United States spent yesterday in Pittsburg where they visited many of the manufacturing establishments and other places of interest. They left last night for Cleveland. Today it is expected that a committee of the commissioners will come to Canton to visit the tomb of McKinley. The committee will be headed by Mariano Trias, formerly vice president of the Philippine republic and second in command of the insurgent army, who is now governor of the province of Cavite by appointment of the United States government. They will place wreaths of immortelles and white roses on the tomb of the man who worked for their good and whom they have come to understand.

BANDIT RAISULI

HAD ARRANGED TO GET MARRIED AND

HE NEEDED THE MONEY.

So He Thought He Would Ask For It.

Tangler, June 29.—It has come to light that the reason Raisuli insisted on a large money ransom and personal honors before he would release Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley is that he has been engaged to marry for some months and needed the wherewith to start in life, all of the moneys extorted by him in the past having been expended in his band and its equipments. Now that he has ready cash fortune and a position where he can call upon the people of his district to supply his wants he has decided that the ceremony shall proceed.

In order to secure immunity from attack by rivals or revenge by the sultan he has sent out a defiant message to the Moroccan ruler declaring that if the promises of immunity made before the captives were released are not kept and that if any attempt is made to satisfy the demands of England or the United States for revenge, he "will make trouble that will not end outside of the palace at Fez."

The restlessness among the tribes is increasing and a revolt is liable to come at any time.

Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, with their families have gone to Switzerland to take the baths and endeavor to restore their shattered health. Both are closing out their property holdings here and are never again expected to return to Morocco.

BIG FOUR WRECK.

To Be Investigated By Coroner—Main Witness May Die.

Delaware, June 28.—The coroner's inquest to determine what caused the wreck of the Big Four limited last Saturday will be held tomorrow.

The coroner today learned that Fireman Gore is in the hospital suffering from injuries that may prove fatal. He counted up the fireman as the main witness.

JUDGE HARMON'S CHANCES.

Claimed by His Cincinnati Friends to Be Bright.

Cincinnati, June 28.—Democrats here say that Ohio Democrats will support Jason Harmon, of Cincinnati, for the presidential nomination at the St. Louis convention, and that his chances are bright.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Coroner's Jury Holds Eleven in Connection With the Destruction of the Excursion Steamer, General Slocum.

New York, June 28.—After deliberating for a considerable length of time, the coroner's jury which has been investigating the Slocum disaster tonight returned a verdict holding eleven persons guilty of manslaughter in connection with the destruction of the excursion steamer, destroyed by fire in the East river on June 15. All are declared guilty of manslaughter in the second degree.

Those implicated by the jury are: Frank A. Barnaby, president, James E. Atkinson, secretary, Charles E. Hill, C. De Lacy Evans, Robert K. Storey, Floyd S. Corbin and Frank G. Dexter, directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company; Captain William H. Van Schaick, and Edward Flannigan, mate of the Slocum; Captain John A. Pease, managing officer of the Knickerbocker company and Henry Lundberg, assistant United States inspector of steam vessels for the port of New York.

The jury found that the Slocum was imperfectly fitted with fire-fighting and life-saving apparatus; that the crew was untrained and that because of this fact the fire was not extinguished until it had got beyond control; that the life preservers were useless and that the inspection of the vessel was not properly made. The jury recommends that the system of inspection of steam craft be materially changed so that an "honest inspection will be made." Mate Flannigan is directly charged by the jury with cowardice.

All of the accused are being admitted to bail so soon as the detectives entrusted to serve the warrants can round them up and Coroner Berry is holding an all-night session in the court room to be on hand to accept bail for the prisoners.

Coroner Berry gave the case into the hands of the jury at 5 o'clock this afternoon after an exhaustive charge in which he reviewed the evidence at length and instructed the panel on the law which applies in the case. He also instructed the jury that if in his opinion the evidence indicated carelessness or negligence on the part of the crew of the Slocum in failing to properly safeguard the lives of the passengers, or of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company in failing to furnish safety appliances of the sort required by law, they might recommend that the guilty persons be held on a

charge of manslaughter in the second degree. Full consideration must be given, said the coroner, to the character of the business which was carried on by the Slocum, especially in view of the fact that in all of her trips her passengers were for the most part women and children. The passengers were supposed to believe that when they took passage in the steamship every care for their safety and comfort had been taken by the owners and therefore if the evidence showed that this was not the case, the duty of the jury was plain.

Regarding the inspection by the United States officials, the coroner said, if it had been a lax one that fact in no way absolved the company from blame. They were required to obey the law as it appeared on the statute books and because they might not have been compelled to live up to the law, did not lessen their responsibility.

He added, significantly, that if the jury believed the federal inspectors negligent they should say so in their presentment so that the matter might be referred to the United States grand jury.

Today's session of the inquest proved highly sensational from the start. Captain Van Schaick, the master of the Slocum, with his head, hands and right leg bandaged, and the latter in a plaster cast, as the result of a broken heel, caused by jumping into the shallow water after he had beached his boat, told his side of the disaster and declared that he "did all that man could do to save the lives of his passengers."

Frank Padjesky, a twelve-year-old boy, whose mother and four sisters lost their lives on the Slocum, swore that he told the children the Slocum was a fire when the vessel was off 123rd street and that the captain told him to "keep his damned mouth shut and mind his own business."

Henry Lundberg, the assistant federal steamboat inspector who inspected the Slocum before she was placed in commission this year, and who refused to answer any questions at a previous hearing, took the stand and declared that he made the inspection according to the rules of the department. He admitted that he had not ordered the accumulated rubbish cleared out of the forward hold where the fire started; said he inspected life preservers without taking them out of their racks, and excused his acts by claiming that he followed out the instructions given him by his superiors.

GEN. MILES

Will Prepare to be Smoked Out

Indianapolis, Ind., June 28.—If General Nelson A. Miles will definitely subscribe to three brief declarations addressed to him today by leaders in the prohibition party who held caucuses today the prohibition national convention which convenes here tomorrow morning, will hand him the presidential nomination. The declarations are intended to "smoke out" the retired army officer, who, it is charged by the anti-Miles element in the party, has been trying to dodge a flat footed expression of his belief. They are:

1. "I believe that the solution of the liquor problem is the greatest problem now before the American people."

2. "I believe that the prohibition party offers the only solution of that problem."

3. "It is my present purpose to stand with that party politically."

The meeting today was presided over by Fred F. Wheeler, of Los Angeles, former state chairman of New York.

SENSATIONAL

Finish at Hawthorne Race Track

Hawthorne Race Track, Chicago, June 28.—Four of the fourteen starters furnished a sensational finish in the first race today being heads apart on the wire in such a tangled bunch it was hard for any one but the judges to tell which one had won the verdict. Delcassina was given the verdict with Allen Avon placed second and Green Gown at 50 to 1 third, a head in front of Jade, the 3 to 2 favorite, layed down from 2 to 1.

Delcassina ran a marvelous race. Off next to last, she ran around her field and coming from ninth place in the stretch barely got up in the final strides.

Exact Definitions.

"Mamma, what's twins?" asked the smallest child. "I know," replied an older one before the mother could answer. "Twins is two babies just the same age; three babies are triplets, four are quadruplets, and five are centipedes."—Exchange.

ATTORNEY FOLK

Will Be Missouri's Next Governor

Joplin, Mo., June 28.—Delegates for tomorrow's Democratic state convention have been arriving all day and night. There is no reason to doubt that the choice of the convention for delegates at large will be United States Senator W. J. Stone, Governor A. M. Dockery and Representatives Champ Clark and D. A. Deamond, who represent the machine or anti-Folk faction and are known as the big four.

The nomination and election of Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Folk, of St. Louis, as governor in November is a foregone conclusion and had he wished to dominate the party there is little doubt but that Mr. Folk could have named the delegates at large to the National convention.

VANDALS

PARTIALLY DESTROYED DUMONT'S AIR SHIP.

CAUSES POSTPONEMENT

Of Exhibition Sail on July Fourth

St. Louis, Mo., June 28.—M. Santos Dumont's racing airship was attacked by vandals and partially destroyed at the fair last night. The envelop or silk balloon of the ship was slashed 16 times with a long sharp knife, leaving incisions varying from four to twenty-four inches. His workmen discovered the knife slashes at 8:30 this morning. Santos Dumont is distressed and excited, and it is not known what he will do. He says it is possible that the envelop may be repaired and still be safe, but he is not sure this work can be done in St. Louis. The act of vandalism will cause postponement of the exhibition sail he was to have made on July Fourth.

The exposition officials have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the miscreants who did the damage to the balloon.

TO CANTON WORKS

Salem Man Who Treated a Boy

Lisbon, June 28.—The conviction of Charles Button, of Salem, in common pleas court yesterday afternoon on a charge of having furnished liquor to William Buckman, a Salem minor 14 years old, may not have been an exemplification of the saying that "He who pleads his own cause has a fool for a client" but five minutes after Button had made a half minute speech to the jury, a verdict of guilty was returned. Judge Hole sentenced the offender to the Canton workhouse for thirty days to stand committed until the costs are paid. On the morning of June 1 the Buckman boy, who was on his way to school, accompanied Button into the Jockey Club saloon in Salem and each of them drank a glass of beer at Button's expense.

Herrick Favors Ship Subsidy. Cleveland, June 28.—Governor Herrick before the congressional merchant marine commission urged the passage of the ship subsidy bill. Congressman Burton, though in the city did not attend the session of the committee.

ON VERGE OF VICTORY BRITISH GENERAL HALTS

General MacDonald Begins the Work of Reducing the Stronghold of the Tibetans.

Gyantse, June 29.—(London Times.)—General MacDonald began operations yesterday for the reduction of the Tibetan works at Jong and the surrounding mountain sides by a wide movement down the valley toward the westward. The 32nd Pioneers were on the right bank while the Royal Fusiliers and the 23rd moved along the left, the objective being Tsechen monastery and the villages on the plain on both sides of it.

The movement progressed as planned and met with but slight resistance until within rifle range of the monastery, when it was discovered that the enemy were very strongly posted and had so placed several cannon that they completely covered the approach.

The British column was halted and the Eighth Gurkas sent along a narrow crest of rock toward Tsechen. The key of the position was a strongly built redoubt flanked on each side by stone capped enclosures, the eastward

WILD MOB

IS PURSUING OFFICERS OF THE LAW

TO GET A NEGRO BRUTE

And Lynch Him For a Fiendish Crime.

Hagerstown, Md., June 28.—A mob is tonight pursuing officers who have in custody George Williams, a negro, accused of raping Miss Laura Knox, a young school teacher of Jefferson county, W. Va., just across the Potomac river. Late tonight several officers having the negro in charge left Big Pool, this county afoot. The mob had cut the harness of the officers' team.

The crime was committed yesterday and today Williams was captured at Martinsburg, W. Va., and later was identified by his victim. He was hurried out of West Virginia to this town to prevent a lynching and late this evening after crowds had surrounded the jail here the prisoner was started for Piedmont, W. Va., a hundred and fifty miles from the scene of the crime. At Big Pool, the terminus of the Western Maryland Railway, the officers prepared to drive to Hancock on the B. & O., there to take a train for Piedmont, when a mob demanded the prisoner but in the darkness the officers and their prisoner escaped. They will doubtless soon be overtaken and a lynching will follow.

M'CLELLAN

Gets a Boost From Col. Guffey

Pittsburg, Pa., June 28.—Colonel Guffey arrived in the city from Washington today with his lieutenant, William J. Brennan. Guffey as usual, was reticent. Mr. Brennan was asked if the talk about McClellan is confined to Tammany alone.

"No, it is heard in many parts of the country," he replied, "and the voters think he is the most available candidate that could be brought before the St. Louis convention. A good many of the people hold the view that McClellan is a more available man than Parker. There is no doubt that the preponderance of sentiment is in favor of the nomination of an eastern man, and I think the candidate should come from New York. The trouble with the McClellan movement is that thus far it does not represent votes or delegates. There is no doubt that Judge Parker, with his more than 400 pledged delegates, has all the heat of, so far, but nobody can predict what will happen in the convention."

Attorney Charles O'Brien, a leading Democrat said tonight that it was his belief that McClellan would be nominated. Mr. Brennan did not take issue with him. He admitted in reply to another statement of Mr. O'Brien, that there is some grounds for the claim that Cleveland would be nominated.

Spiritualist Campmeeting.

The thirteenth annual session of campmeetings at Lake Brady some distance north of this city near Kent, which gathers together prominent spiritualists from all over the country will open Sunday, July 3, closing September 4. A large number of local spiritualists have signified their intention of attending. An elaborate program has been prepared.

Jews Barred From Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, June 29.—All Jews have been forbidden to enter Manchuria with the exception of army contractors and in their cases special permits are necessary.

Drank Each Other's Health.

Kiel, June 28.—Prince Henry of Prussia gave a banquet tonight at which Emperor William and King Edward were the guests of honor. Both guests responded to toasts proposing each other's health.